

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (LCDJFS) has published a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking proposals from organizations wishing to provide services funded under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Proposals are being solicited for the operation of a Food Assistance Employment & Training Program. All proposals are subject to actual SNAP and TANF funding received by LCDJFS.

The purpose of this RFP is to procure an employment and training contractor to assist work required SNAP recipients. The initial funding and operational period will be January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. All work required SNAP recipients will be referred to this program for services. The program will provide recipients with a formal appraisal, an overview of the Lake County Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan and an Employability Plan. The contractor will then be responsible for monitoring and documenting participants' work participation in and through local and state automated systems and communicate pertinent recipient information to LCDJFS. The program will be operated outside the offices of LCDJFS but in close proximity of LSCDJFS and Laketran bus service.

The full RFP including program specifications and proposal instructions is available at <http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/omjlake/home.aspx>. The RFP is also available at the LCDJFS offices or by mail. Contact Robert Dawson at 440-350-4320 or via email at Robert.Dawson@jfs.ohio.gov to arrange a pickup or mailing. LCDJFS is not able to provide copies of proposal documents by fax or electronic transmission. There will be no Bidders Conference for this procurement but a Q&A procedure is explained in the RFP document.

A qualified proposal must include four (4) copies and be submitted in a sealed package. Proposals must be **received** by LCDJFS at 177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio, no later than 12:00 Noon EST Friday, October 30, 2015. The Food Assistance Employment & Training Program will be operated subject to actual funding made available for the activity and the RFP is being published based on terms and conditions as they are known as of October 9, 2015.

LCDJFS and the Lake County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals; to waive informalities in the RFP; to increase or decrease or omit any or all items; to award a contract to the best proposer; and to negotiate with all qualified sources if in the best interest of LCDJFS and the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

LCDJFS and the Lake County Board of Commissioners adhere to the principles of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the selection of providers and awarding of contracts. Auxiliary aids and services are available on request to individuals with disabilities.

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